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SUBJECT: BRAZIL FINALLY RATIFIES ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE
MEETING (ATCM) MEASURE I

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1. (SBU) On September 17, 2009, Fabio Vaz Pitaluga, the Director of the Ministry of External Relations' (MRE) Division of Oceans, Antarctica, and Space, informed Science Counselor and Science Officer that the Brazilian Senate finally had ratified Antarctic Treaty Consultative Meeting (ATCM) Measure 1 (2003). (See REFTELS for the long history connected with ratification of this Measure.) Pitaluga said that the Brazilian Embassy in Washington had just been instructed to deposit the instrument with Washington. He expected this to happen soon.

2. (SBU) Per Legislative Decree 597, ATCM Measure I was approved by the Brazilian Senate on August 28, 2009. That decree provides for the "approval of the text of Measure I (2003) - Secretariat of the Antarctica Treaty, adopted during the 26th Consultative Meeting of the Antarctica Treaty (ATCM), which take place in Madrid, in 2003". The decree provided that it would enter into effect when it was published in the Official Diary of the Union, which occurred on August 31, 2009.

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